18 ABSTRACT

A synthetic magnesium silicate composition of the formula:

$$\{[Si_8(Mg_aLi_b)O_{20}(OH)_{4\text{-c}}F_c]^{\text{d-}}\frac{\text{d}}{\text{n}}M^{\text{n+}}\}_w\{Na_2SO_4\}_x\{Na_2CO_3\}_y\{H_2O\}_z$$

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where a is 4.5 to <6.0, b is from >0 to 1.5, c is from 0 to 4, d = 12-2a-b, M is a cation, n is the valency of cation M, w is from 32.8 to 94.7 wt.%, x is from 0.3 to 32.0 wt.%, y is from 0 to 9.0 wt.%, and z is from 0 to 50 wt.%, is useful in paraffin wax dispersions as it does not discolour or yellow such dispersions

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